

### REMARKS

The claims in the application are 7-16 and 20-25.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

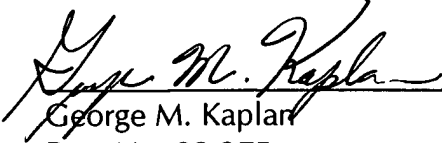
It is explicitly stated in paragraph 8 of the Final Office Action, Claims 12-14, 16, 20 and 23 would be allowable if amended into appropriate independent form. Accordingly, Claims 12-14, 16 and 20 have been so amended (Claim 23 depends from allowed Claim 12).

Claim 24 has been amended to eliminate the antecedent basis rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, raised in paragraph 3 of the Final Office Action, with similar clarification also being made in Claims 11 and 12. The present amendment also eliminates the objection raised in paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action. Claims 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice to eliminate the enablement rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, raised in paragraphs 4 and 10 of the Final Office Action, while all other claims have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from an allowed independent claim.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and explicit statements in the Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted the present application in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. The requisite fee for the additional independent claims introduced herein is enclosed.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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